

Quarantine Requirements for the Importation of Wood

1. To prevent the introduction of exotic harmful forest pests from the importation of wood and to safeguard domestic forests for sustained development, the following requirements are made by considering the special type of importing wood and as a guideline for conducting inspections and quarantine treatments.
2. The wood subjects to quarantine are items such as round wood, fuel wood, wood root, bark, unprocessed wood and processed wood materials designated by the central competent authority.
3. The Round wood shall be imported through Keelung, Taichung, Kaohsiung , and Hualien international seaports. The round wood may be imported through other seaports with the permit, issued by the plant quarantine authority, applied by the importer prior to arrival.
4. The wood imported from countries or districts where designated regulated pests listed in Part A, “Prohibited Plant or Plant Products”, of the “Quarantine Requirements for the importation of Plants or Plant Products into the Republic of China” promulgated by the central competent authority shall be treated by the designated method of the plant quarantine authority prior to export, and the applied method, chemical and its concentration, temperature and other relevant information of the treatment shall be stated on a phytosanitary certificate. The wood is to be exported within twenty-one days after treatment.
The designated quarantine treatment mentioned in the previous paragraph is listed in the appendix.
5. The importer or the agent of the wood thereof shall apply to the plant quarantine authority for inspection of wood with a phytosanitary certificate issued by the plant quarantine authority of the exporting country along with bills of lading and price certificate before its arrival at the port of entry. The wood is to be imported after the documents are in compliance with the said requirements and after passing the on-site inspection.
The importing wood transited through the designated country or district where designated pests are known to occur, the importer shall provide safeguards and approved by the plant quarantine authority prior to importation.
6. The phytosanitary certificate may be exempted for importing debarked wood which

originated from certain countries or districts where designated regulated pests are not listed.

7. In principle, the quantity for inspection is 1% of the declared wood. The plant quarantine authority may adjust the percentage if necessary.

The wood shipped in containers, at least two containers shall be subject to inspection if the batch is less than ten containers. For more than 10 containers in a batch, one container shall be subject to inspection additionally for 10 containers. The fraction less than 10 containers shall be considered as 10.

8. The importer or the agent has to provide labor assistances to move, pick, reverse, horst the wood, or other necessary business for quarantine inspection as instructed by the plant quarantine inspector.

9. If any regulated pest is found in the importing wood, the wood shall not be imported unless appropriate quarantine treatment is applied. The plant quarantine authority shall take emergent action if necessary. The expense of the above measure shall be borne by the importer.

If there is no effective phytosanitary measure for the intercepted pest or no suitable facilities to implement the treatment, the plant quarantine authority may request the importer to reship or destroy the wood.

10. The quarantine inspection of the imported wood is to be conducted as a batch for which is applied to the plant quarantine authority. However, the quarantine inspection of round wood or other products designated by the plant quarantine authority may be conducted individually.

11. The requirement enters into force on the date of promulgation.